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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

At the beginning of each month one of the things I think about and give a lot of thought to, is to find words that I can share with the members of our MOAA chapter. I don't think of myself as a natural writer, but I try to think of things that would be of interest to our readers. My article this month is to recognize and acknowledge the passing away of one of our longest serving members, Col Jack Krout. Jack passed away on Friday, July 8, 2022.

Jack became a member of our local chapter over 30 Years ago and served on our board as a Director for 8 years. He was born and raised in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana in a small three room house. In his early career he worked as a Forest Service Headquarters guard and later worked in the Forest nursery is a foreman. Some years later not wanting to be drafted into the air arm of the Army, so he got on the train to the Butte recruiting office, he was tested and sent to the Army Air Corps. Years later he applied for aviation cadets and since that time as an extended flying experience which led him to finally being assigned to the fly the B-52 Bomber. His military career was almost 32 years of active service.

I didn't know Jack personally, and I never served on the board with him, but I will always remember how vigorously he supported our annual picnic. He always brought his entire family and relatives with him. The time and the effort that Jack put into supporting our local chapter is a testament to all of our board members who gives generously of their time and effort that we may have a successful and meaningful organization.

Major Kenneth Johnson, USAF, President
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SEE “PUB CRAWL” PAGE No. 2

Saturday, August 13, 2022 ANNUAL BBQ

Lunch at 1:00pm
See Pages 3,4 & 5
For more information

“GOOD SPEAKERS ARE NEEDED”

Chapter members:

Who do you want to hear from?
Please send your suggestions to
Don Nowacki, (707)528-2895,
or by e-mail: nowacki@sonic.net

DECEASED MEMBERS



Col JACK L. KROUT, USAF
July 8, 2022
LtCol ROBERT G. REINKING, USAF
July 16, 2022

**THE REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER OFFICERS AND
MEMBERS EXTEND OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO
THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THEIR**

“Sunshine Lady”

Call Myrna Hurst, 707-468-0146,
if you know of anyone in the chapter who
might enjoy a get well or sympathy card.

**MOAA BOARD of DIRECTORS will be
MEETING at the Santa Rosa Veterans
building in the Conference room.**

Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 11:30am.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings.

Legislative Update- August 2022

Federal:

NDAA - 2022 The drama of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) continues, but the “fat lady” still has to sing. The \$839 Billion defense bill included \$37 Billion above what amount requested by Administration as it passed in the House. Now the Senate must pass its version which will be reconciled with the House version.

It's not too late to ask our Senators to move on this bill before it's too late. Just open the MOAA webpage, and open “advocacy” to send an prepare e-mail to your Senators.

While it seems that it includes a 4.6% pay raise for the troops, with a 9.1% inflation, the raise leaves them short changed once more even though several House members pushed for more. Anyone wonder about a service recruiting problem?

COLA for 2022 continues to rise. The latest information available shows it 9.1% increase through June. Let's hope that any budget balancing does not come on the backs of retirees.. If all goes well, we are on track for a record years. Too bad we stay behind the “power curve” still playing catch up.

State:

After flaming out in our efforts to get **AB 1623 Tax Exemption for Military Retired Pay**, CALMOAA will meet by zoom meeting on July 28th to determine how to proceed in this coming year.

As I requested last month, I need your input ASAP to discuss any items during the aforementioned meeting. I cannot work in a vacuum, so please send your thoughts to me at my email address vernonmc@mcn.org or, call or text me to 707 972-3066.

Vern McNamee, LTC, USA Retired
Legislative Chairman
Redwood Empire Chapter MOAA (CA30)
707 972-3066 ~ vernonmc@mcn.org

Redwood Empire Chapter member CPT WILLIAM ANDERSON, USA

Is offering his service to
members and veterans in need.

He realizes that the country is presently going through a rough time, because of the present COVID-19 virus and shelter in place, there are a lot of people with many different needs. He is offering to our members and any veterans organizations his help.

As a landlord he can repair many house issues for our their members. **FREE!** They only need to pay for parts.

He can transport supplies. He lives in Santa Rosa. He owns 59 properties in this state alone and is his own maintenance service. He does many kinds of things.

Anyone can call him and he will give you more details.

Call: William Anderson at 707-331-0366

“Pub Crawl”

by Ken Johnson

Please join us at our in person event for all our Chapters MOAA members. No agenda, just a place and a time where we can gather and share a beer or two and talk about items of interest to all of us. We had been looking for a place that is easy for all of us to get to, and someplace that's quiet so we can gather in our own little corner and just talk and have time together. We have chosen to have our event at the Graton Resort & Casino, in Rohnert Park. They have several restaurants but the one I like is called the Daily Grill. It has both indoor and outdoor seating and a very nice menu. They have three large parking lots so there's plenty of room for parking.

We are meeting on the third Tuesday, at 11:30am, August 16th **NOTE: This is not just for the guys, the wives or spouses are more than welcome.** Our time and date for future meetings will be up to the needs of interested members. This is just a fun way to get together and have great times together. A few of our members had a good time doing this by **ZOOM** meetings in the past. However I'm open to any input and suggestions, so call me if you have any questions at 408-466-6764.

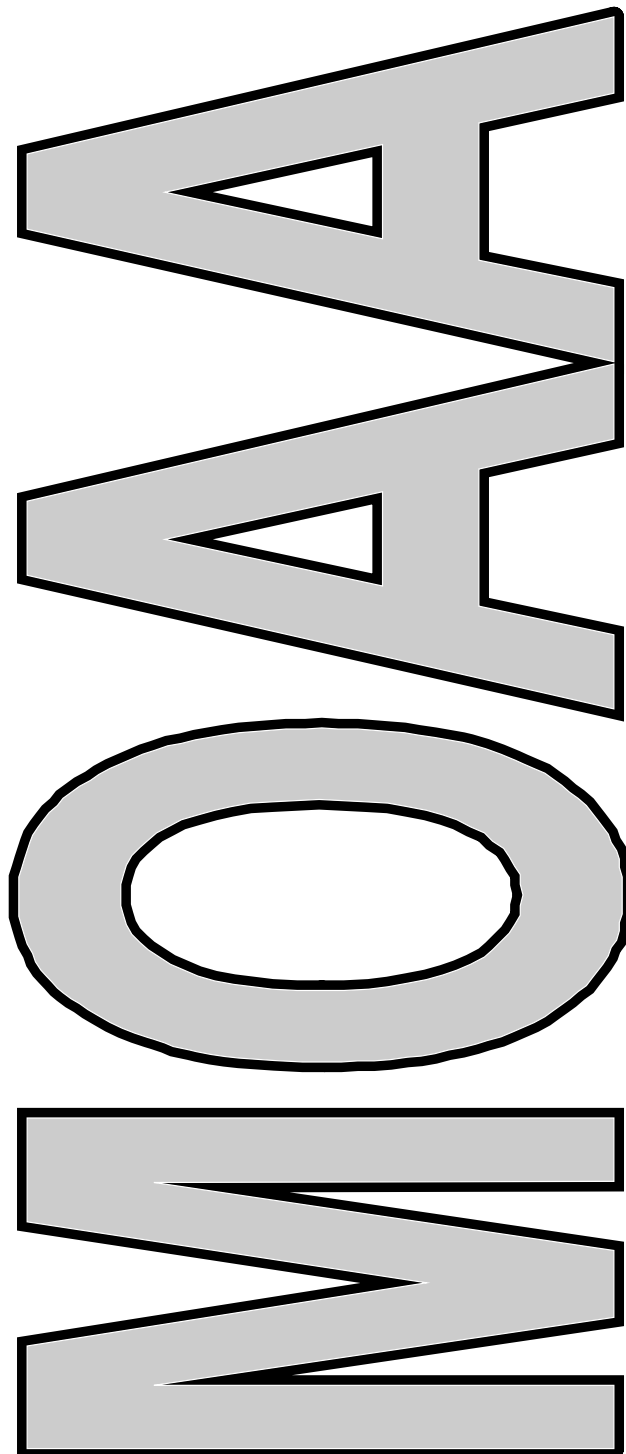
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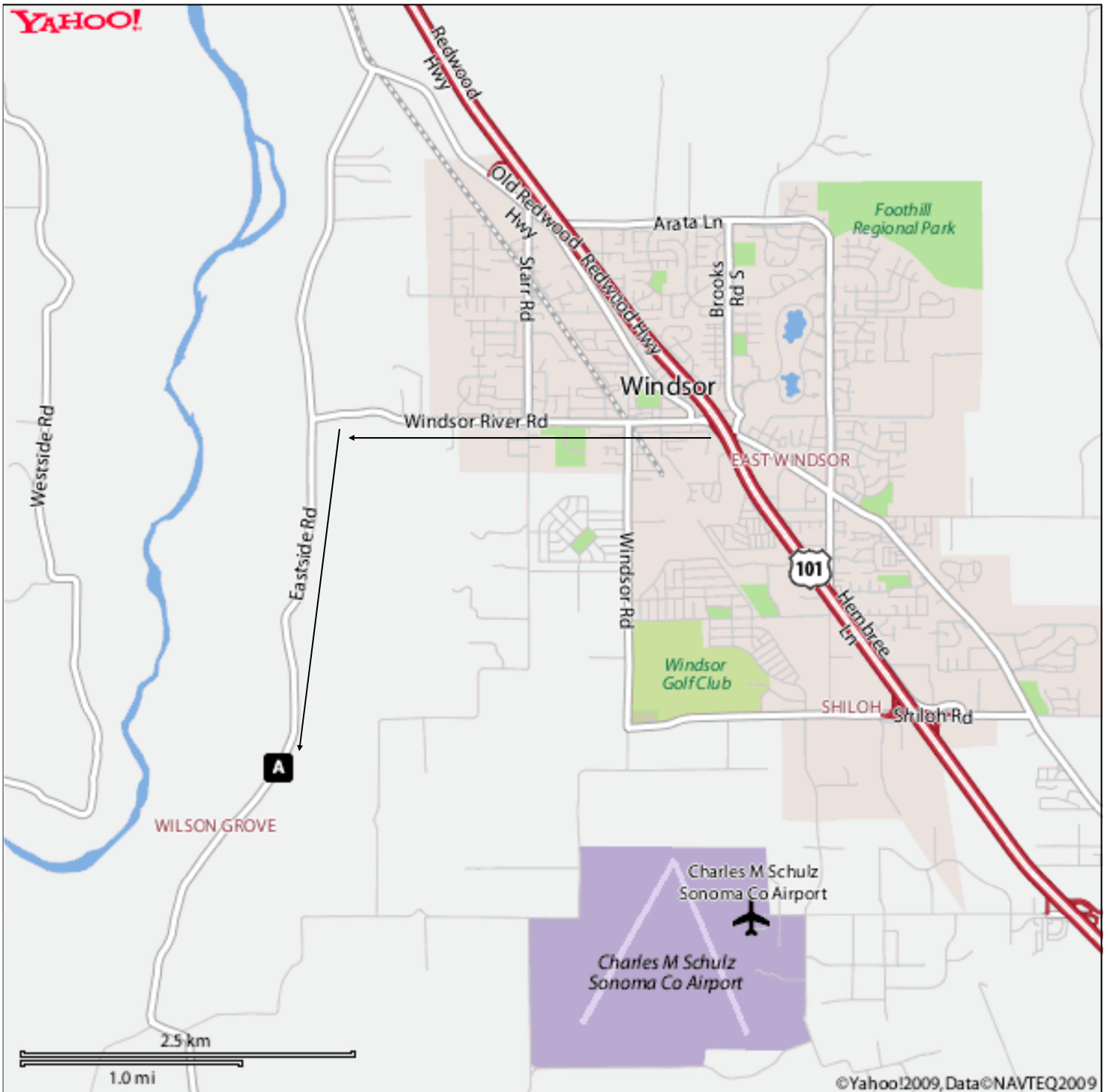
Editor's comment:

We issued the August 2022, MOAA Voice yesterday including a story 'Little Hodiaki,' that was intended to be a funny story filler for the newsletter. We've received a comment that this story was, at a minimum, in poor taste, and potentially offensive to some or many of our newsletter recipients. For this we apologize and would add that there was no intention to offend anyone. So we are retracting this story and re-issuing this month's MOAA Voice.

While it's always hard month to month to provide meaningful content for each issue, the purpose of this newsletter is to inform our members of events and other useful information related to MOAA. To this purpose, publishing this story clearly failed that intent and is regrettable. We apologize and going forward will endeavor to do better.

**IF YOU ATTEND THE BBQ ON
AUGUST 13th, AND IF YOU
DRIVE YOUR CAR THERE,
THEN CLIP THE "MOAA"
BELOW AND PUT ON
YOUR CAR DASH BOARD**





RIVERFRONT REGIONAL PARK

DIRECTIONS: Take Highway 101 North from Santa Rosa to Windsor. Turn off at Central Windsor Exit. Go West on Windsor River Road about 2 miles to a “T” intersection which is Eastside Road. Left (South) for 1.8 miles and “**Riverfront Regional Park**” will be on the right. (Marked with an “A”) It takes about 20 to 25 minutes from central Santa Rosa to get there.

INFORMATION ON BBQ

Our annual BBQ will take place on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 1:00 pm. It will be at the Riverfront Regional Park near Windsor. The park is a glen of tall

redwood trees affording plenty of cool shade and beauty.

- New restrooms are available and the ground area is relatively flat and maneuverable.
- There is a sandy volleyball court but be warned, for those who make use of this, there is no cardiac equipment available...
- Recommend you bring a sweater or windbreaker in case it chills later in the afternoon.
- The **parking fee** will be handled by the chapter but the parking spaces is somewhat limited, so carpooling is requested.
- If you have a County pass, please use it and share rides to save money.

Annual BARBEQUE, SATURDAY- August 13, 2022, 1:00 pm
Riverfront Regional Park near Windsor [Dining at 1:00 pm]
See directions and other important information on page 4

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

MENU CHOICES - Menu is Pork Ribs and Chicken, BBQ Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread and Chef's Special Dessert Bread Pudding with whipped cream. Coffee, Water and Wine will also be available. BYOB, Soft Drinks and Snacks.

Enclosed is my check for _____ persons @ **\$25.00** each, Col Brey Scholarship Fund \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Please make name tags for: _____,
_____, _____,

Reservation must be received not later than Monday, August 8, 2022. We need a count to buy for meals.

NOTE: We have to pay for parking. If you have a County pass, please use it and share rides to save money.

Make check (s) payable to: **RECMOAA**

To: MOAA, Redwood Empire Chapter, P.O. Box 2801, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

"Contact the Chapter Secretary @ 707-795-3963, prior to 12:00 noon Monday,

We will be having a Raffle to help with our funds. If you are able to bring a Raffle Prize we would be grateful.

The Pilot and the Priest

Saint Peter addresses this cool guy. "Who are you so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?"

The guy replies. "I'm Don McPherson, retired American Airlines pilot from Palm Springs, CA."

Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the pilot, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom."

So Captain Don goes into Heaven with his robe and his staff.

Next it's the priest's turn. He stands erect and booms out, "I am Father Bob, pastor of St. Mary's for the last 43 years."

Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the priest, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom."

"Just a minute says the good father. "That man Don was a pilot and he got a silken robe and golden staff and I got only cotton and wood. How can this be?"

"Up here we go by results," says Saint Peter. "When you preached, people slept. When Don flew, people prayed."

What is 'Butt dust'?

What, you ask, is 'Butt dust'? What do you do or say, when an innocent child asks you something so innocent and they are so serious? Read on and you'll discover the joy in it! These have to be original and genuine. No adult is this creative!!

JACK (age 3) was watching his Mom breast-feeding his new baby sister... After a while he asked: 'Mom why have you got two? Is one for hot and one for cold milk?'
STEVEN (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mom good night. 'I love you so much that when you die I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window.'

BRITTANY (age 4) had an ear ache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her

frustration, her Mom explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: 'How does it know it's me?'

SUSAN (age 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. 'Please don't give me this juice again,' she said, 'It makes my teeth cough.'

DJ (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: 'How much do I cost?'

CLINTON (age 5) was in his bedroom looking worried When his Mom asked what was troubling him, he replied, 'I don't know what'll happen with this bed when I get married. How will my wife fit in it?'

MARC (age 4) was engrossed in a young couple that were hugging and kissing in a restaurant. Without taking his eyes off them, he asked his dad: 'Why is he whispering in her mouth?'

TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mom knew. Tammy looked at her for a while and then asked, 'Why doesn't your skin fit your face?'

JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' Concerned, James asked: 'What happened to the flea?'

The Sermon I think this Mom will never forget....

This particular Sunday sermon... 'Dear Lord,' the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. 'Without you, we are but dust....' He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four year old girl voice, 'Mom, what is butt dust?'

2022 DATES TO REMEMBER*

*COVID-19 Virus could change all these events and dates!

July:
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 13th Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
 19th "Pub Crawl" Daily Grill, Graton Resort & Casino
 27th United Veterans Council meeting
 28th Luncheon, **Epicenter**

August:
 2nd BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 10th Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
 13th Saturday, Riverfront Regional Park, Annual BBQ
 16th "Pub Crawl" Daily Grill, Graton Resort & Casino
 24th United Veterans Council meeting

September:
 6th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Approval of 2023 officers
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 14th Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
 20th "Pub Crawl" Daily Grill, Graton Resort & Casino
 ** 16th or 23rd ?? Friday, Luncheon, Two Rock USCG (\$10.00?)
 28th United Veterans Council meeting

October:
 4th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 12th Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
 18th "Pub Crawl" Daily Grill, Graton Resort & Casino
 26th United Veterans Council meeting
 ** 27th Luncheon or Dinner?, **Epicenter**, Election of Officers for 2023

November:
 1st BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 9th Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 ** 11th North Bay Veterans Day parade (Friday)
 ** 18th Friday, Lobster Feed, Santa Rosa Veterans building
 23rd United Veterans Council meeting
 24th Thanksgiving Day

December:
 4th Sunday, Holiday Social at "Sally Tomatoes"

** 6th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 7th Pearl Harbor Survivors program ??
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 NO United Veterans Council meeting
 20th "Pub Crawl" Daily Grill, Graton Resort & Casino
 25th Christmas

** Not Confirmed at this time ~ CNX = Cancelled ~ UNK = Unknown
 All Meals at **Epicenter** will be Buffets 06/32/06



"Okay your father managed to get a mouse. Now how do we use it?"

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MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

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The next meeting of the Wives Club will be a buffet lunch at the Epicenter on Wednesday, August 10th. The price is \$25.00. Lunch is served promptly at noon. The buffet menu will be chicken parmesan, quesadillas with asada, Spanish rice, esquite, house salad, and cookies.

If the Telephone Committee does not contact you, you may make a reservation up to the day before the meeting; however, cancellations must be made by Monday preceding the meeting. For either situation, call Susan Linch at 707-538-3342.

The guest speaker for August will be Kris Wilson, Executive Director of Railroad Square. She will tell us about the history of the Square and the variety of things the Square offers. She has talked to the Wives Club in the past, but the update on what's currently happening will be very interesting!

Tina Lewis, Publicity 707-539-5546,
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